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# CRIPPS TO INDIA: "I MAY BE BACK"

**S**MILING THROUGH HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE BREAKDOWN OF THE INDIA NEGOTIATIONS, SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS YESTERDAY HELD THE DOOR WIDE OPEN TO THE INDIAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND HINTED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO INDIA IF THERE WERE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT.

"I may come back to India," he said. "In what capacity that will be known only to the Lord only knows." Sir Stafford leaves for home today.

And last night the Prime Minister said the following words to Sir Stafford:

"You have done everything in your power, and your industry, perseverance and resourcefulness have been great. The British desire to reach a settlement."

Even though your hopes have not been fulfilled, you have rendered a very important service to the common cause of India. You have been a aid for the future progress of the peoples of India."

In a public statement at New York, Sir Stafford appealed to India to stand united in defence of her soil and the protection of her women and children from those ghastly horrors which have befallen her Chinese friends and neighbours.

*Britain and America, he assured, the Indian people, would do their utmost in the fight.*

With the failure of the negotiations the parties now reverted to the position as it was before he went to India. The Indian proposal of a wide drawn, but the offer of a limited Dominion status after the war remained.

#### Cause of Breakdown

One surprise yesterday was the revelation that a demand for a new constitution was made on Friday night by the Congress Party for the first time in three weeks of negotiation.

In raising the constitutional issue, they asked for a franchise for Indians and a national government nominated by themselves, with full powers.

The demands were reduced the Viceroy to a figurehead and entailed the abolition of the India Office in London.

It had been thought that the main stumbling-block was the demand that India should be allowed to be Minister of Defence when allowing General Wavell to control operations.

Sir Stafford, however, said that the constitutional question was the real cause of the breakdown. In a letter to Dr. Azaad, the Congress leader, he wrote:

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#### Majority Dictatorship

You make two suggestions. First, that the constitution must now be changed to give the Indian people what they have discussed this view has accepted the practical impossibility of any such legislative action in the middle of the war and at such a moment as is present. Second, you suggest that only a national government could be formed which must be a Cabinet Government with full power.

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## 12,000 Japs Land On Cebu: Street Battle In Capital

**T**WELVE thousand Japanese troops, supported by dive-bombers and heavy shell-fire from warships, have landed on the Philippine island of Cebu, 400 miles south of Bataan.

This was revealed by a U.S. War Department communiqué yesterday.

"Despite fierce resistance by a small American garrison force, the enemy was able to effect a landing on Cebu on Friday," it said.

The landing was supported by dive-bombers and heavy fire from naval vessels.

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**U.S. PILOTS BIG "BAG" IN CHINA**

Chungking, Saturday.

The American volunteer group serving with the Chinese Air Force have brought their "bag" of Jap planes in thirty hours to Chungking, where they downed six possible.

On Friday, the American fighters made a successful attempt to raid the Chinese bases.

In the capital itself, Captain A. W. Brum, described as a "lone hawk" liaison agent, has also been arrested.

## Nazis Expect France To Be Invaded

Zurich, Saturday.

Circles generally reckon on the possibility of British operations for the invasion of Unoccupied France, the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich paper, "Tat."

This is given as the reason for coming to a general settlement with the French on the basis of which, according to neutral sources, the first far-reaching consequences and complications will follow.

Military circles in Berlin do not believe that Britain would defend Unoccupied France against British attack, especially in view of the general attitude of the French population.—Reuters.

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